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Response to Restriction Requirement

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SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PRESERVING CONFIDENTIALITY OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION IN A

POINT-OF-CARE COMMUNICATIONS ENVIRONMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2007, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Invention 1 (claims 1-55) for prosecution in the subject application, with traverse.

The traversal is on the grounds that the Examiner has failed to establish that a search of the complete application would be an undue burden as required by MPEP 803. MPEP 803 states: "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is Applicants' position that the Examiner has failed to establish that a search of the entire application constitutes an undue burden. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the entire application be searched and examined.

In accordance with this election with traverse, applicants reserve all rights in the nonelected claims, including the right to file one or more divisional applications covering the subject matter thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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